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ABSTRACT

This 1992-1993 fiscal year performance report provides an overview of Kentucky's early intervention system of building comprehensive services for infants, toddlers, and families. This Part H program has served 1,054 young children who are developmentally delayed or who have an established risk. Highlights are presented of goals, services, and programmatic accomplishments. Information is included on the work of the evaluation committee, public awareness activities, personnel-related developments, finance and cost determinations, and service standards and guidelines. Fund outlays are identified for services, training and technical assistance, special projects, and administration. An organizational chart lists staff and members of the state lead agency, regional service system boards, and the interagency coordinating council. Technical assistance teams are identified, and a state map presents the geographical location of these teams. (SW)

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KENTUCKY'S EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM

BUILDING COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR INFANTS TODDLERS AND FAMILIES

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1992-1993 FISCAL YEAR REPORT

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A report of the Kentucky ICC to the people of Kentucky

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April 15, 1994

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U. S. Department of Education
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Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Please find enclosed Kentucky's Annual Performance Report and the Kentucky Early Intervention System Interagency Coordinating Council (KEIS-ICC) Annual Report. The Report will show that the 1993 federal fiscal year was a successful one for Kentucky. We came much closer to full services in the Part H program. Our proudest accomplishment is greater involvement of families.

In this next year, every effort will be made to establish the program in a way that will assure the commitment to full services. With the continued strong role of the KEIS-ICC, I believe we will reach our goal.

We look forward to our continued relationship with your office.

Sincerely,

Fontaine Banks

Fontaine Banks, Jr.
Secretary

Enclosure

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Introduction

In this program year, Kentucky entered the second year of Extended Participation. This year's planning and participation brought Kentucky closer to meeting its goal of providing Early Intervention Services to all infants/toddlers and their families.

Kentucky launched a statewide public awareness campaign which resulted in an increase in the number of children served and a significant increase in the number of referrals from the medical community. This campaign introduced both the new 1-800 number and the new program name "FIRST STEPS", Kentucky's Early Intervention System. This catchy title not only identified our program statewide, but reiterated our commitment nationwide.

The Kentucky Early Intervention System in Kentucky intends to continue meeting the needs of its children and families. The following report highlights our accomplishments, identifies our services, and outlines our future.

The First Steps staff and the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) are grateful for the cooperation and commitment of all those who supported our children and families this past year and look forward to their continued support.

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"Early Intervention provided us, as a family, with 'direction and support' when we were told Morghan was profoundly deaf and had cerebral palsy and we didn't know where to turn."

Veronica Brown

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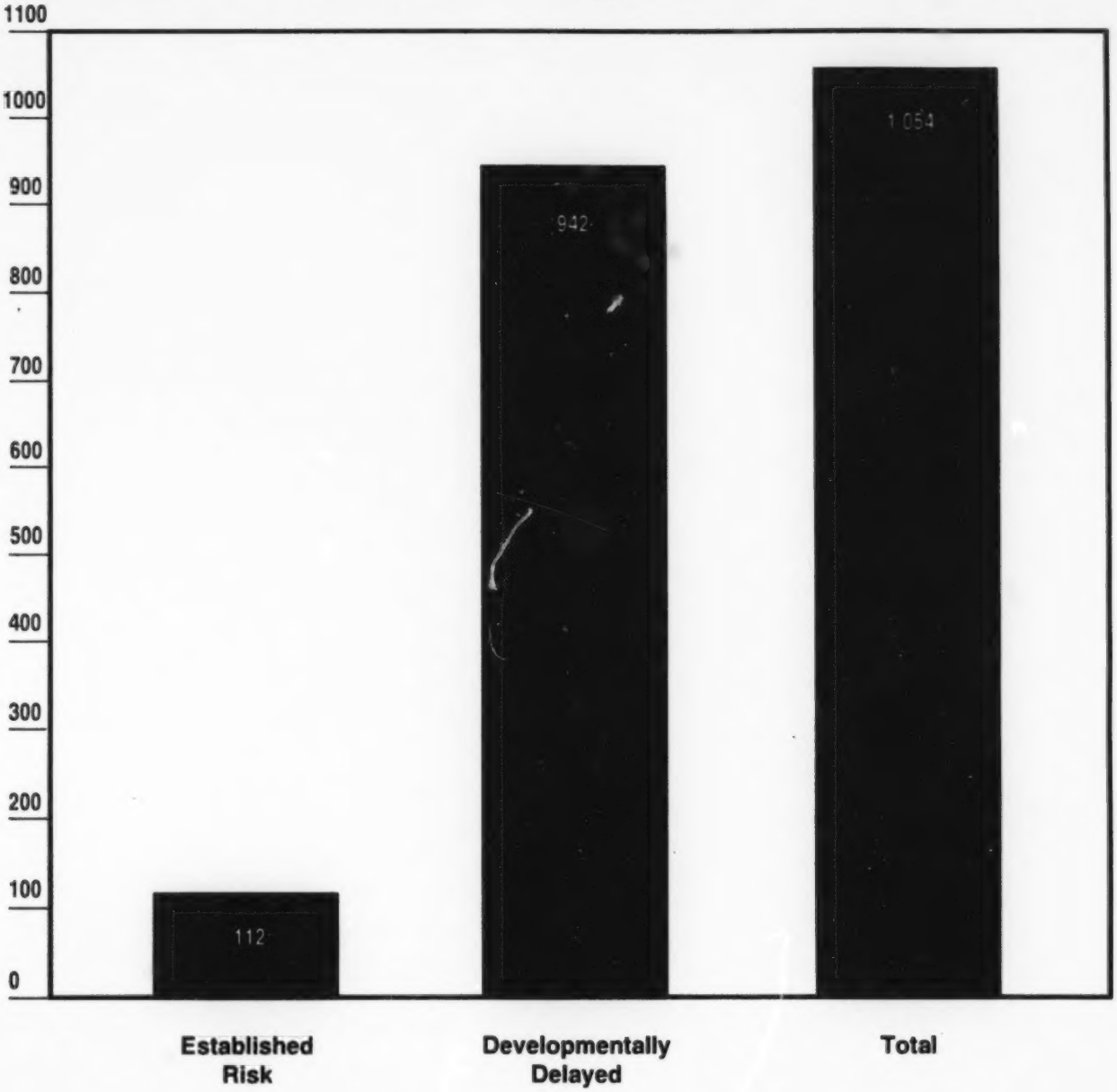
Children Served:

October 1, 1992 - September 30, 1993



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A Partnership Among Families, Service Providers, and State Agencies

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1-800-442-0087

KY EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM

REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH/MENTAL RETARDATION BOARDS

REGION 1 Western KY	**REGION 2** Pennyroyal	**REGION 3** Green River	**REGION 4** Life Skills	**REGION 5** Communicare
REGION 6 Seven Counties	**REGION 7** Northern KY	**REGION 8** Comprehend	**REGION 9/10** Pathways	**REGION 11** Mountain
REGION 12 KY River	**REGION 13** Cumberland River	**REGION 14** The Adanta Group	**REGION 15** Bluegrass	

KEIS-ICC

The KY Early Intervention System Interagency Coordinating Council

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A Statewide Technical Assistance Network

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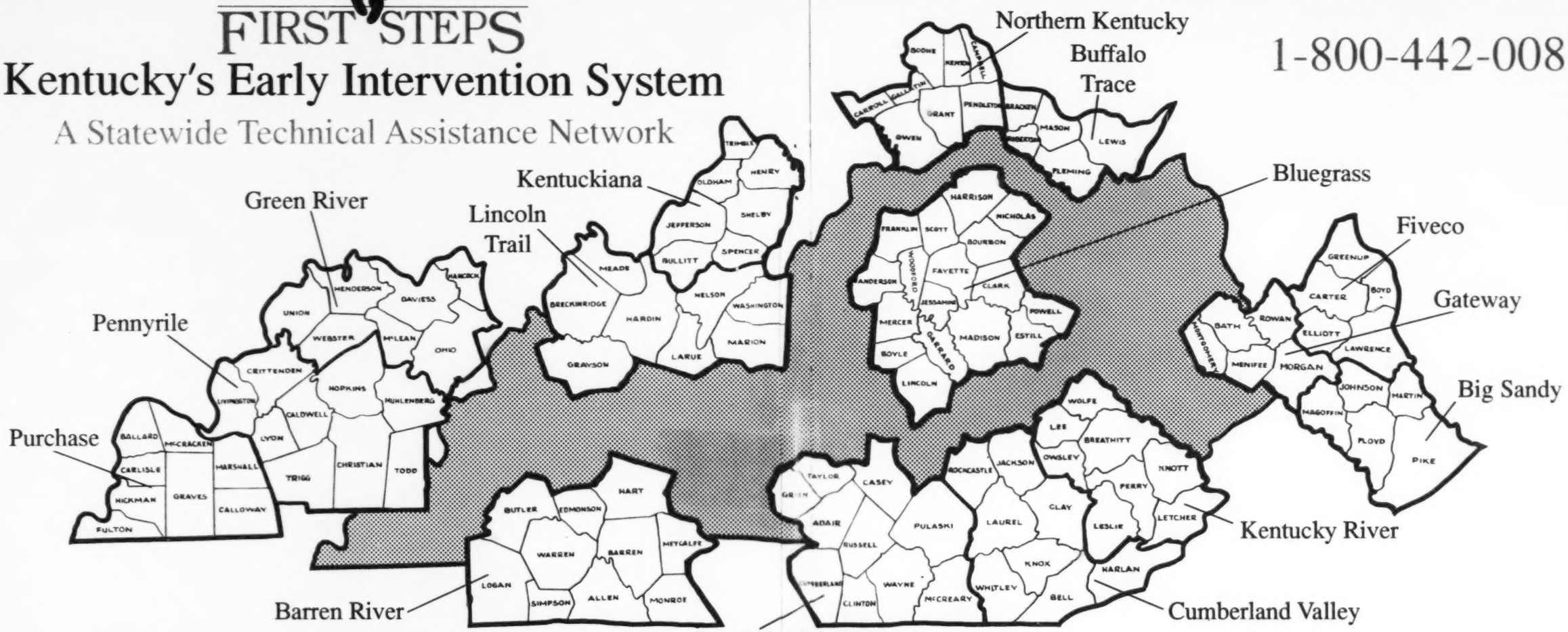

Technical Assistance Teams

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Accomplishments

Evaluation Committee

- surveyed service coordinators to assess evaluation services statewide and to document the gaps;
- collaborated with personnel committee to develop qualification and standards for the professional completing developmental evaluations;
- expanded developmental services and sites across the state;
- increased number of children being evaluated;
- developing a policy to evaluate pre-maturity;
- developing a manual of guidelines for evaluations.

Public Awareness

- developed new brochure, telephone index card and poster for distribution to over 5,000 physicians;
- developed and distributed physician technical assistance papers to explain the medical communities role in Early Intervention Services;
- produced the video "Kentucky's Early Intervention System";
- updated directory of Early Intervention Services;
- attended several conferences of parents, professionals and service providers to exhibit and provide information about early intervention services.

Accomplishments

Procedural Safeguards

- developed, published and distributed the "Parents Rights Handbook".

Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)

- developed, published and distributed Kentucky's IFSP guidelines.

Personnel

- developed level system for the Educator Role which includes infant/toddler interventionist, infant/toddler interventionist associate and infant/toddler interventionist assistant;
- arranged program agenda for the infant/toddler conference;
- conducted personnel needs assessments;
- collaborated with Kentucky Department Education to support VIPS, SKI-HI, and SHIPP projects.

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Accomplishments

Finance

- sliding fee scale developed and recommended to ICC;
- progress on development of a centralized billing and information systems;
- University of Louisville study completed to determine cost per child.

Service Focus

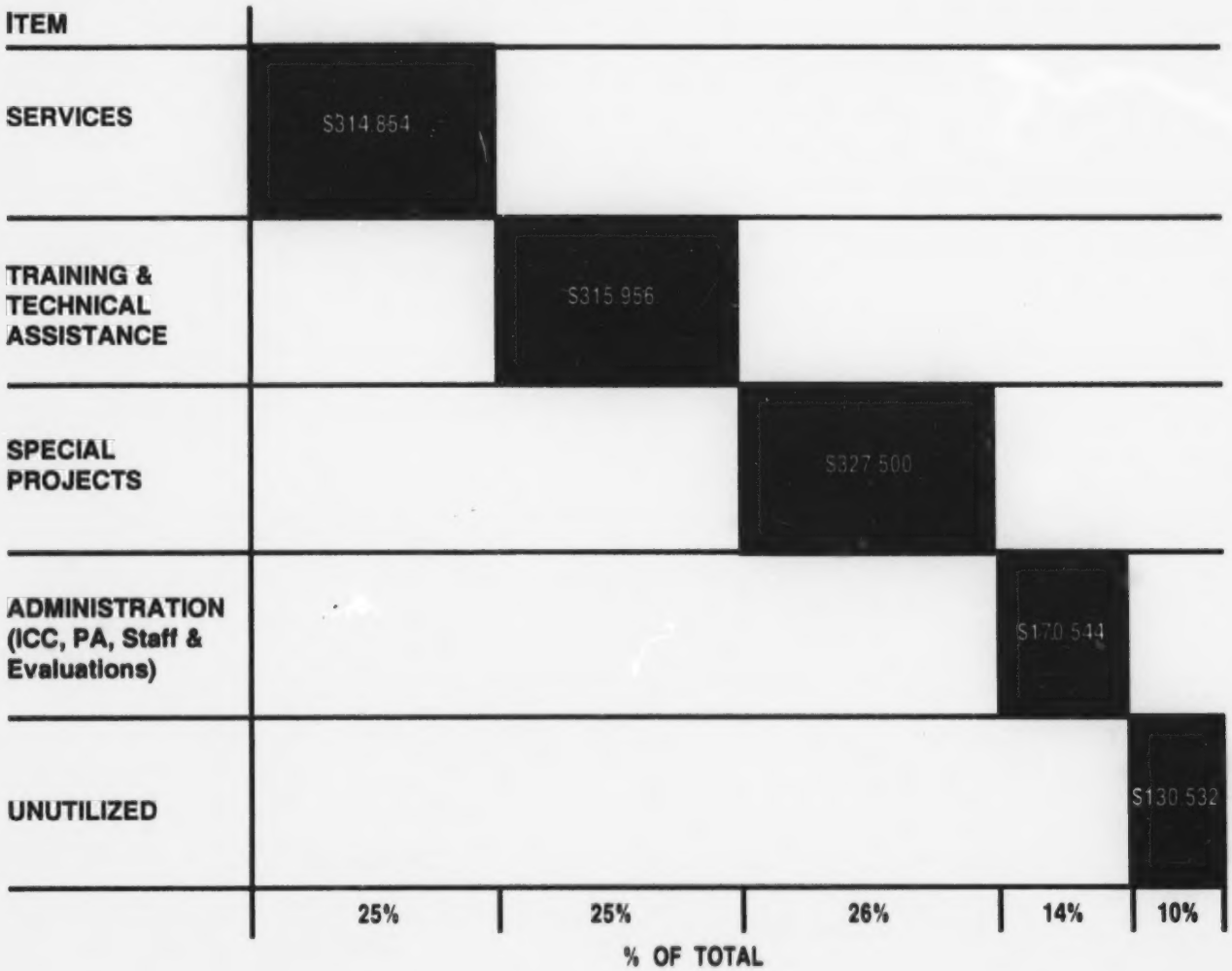
- completed final recommendations on Point of Entry concept;
- began work on service standards to identify who, where and how services will be provided;

recommended the development and guidelines of the District Early Intervention Committees.

Financial Report

October 1, 1992 - September 30, 1993

Total Outlay: $1,259,386 Federal Part H



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Goals:

ONE

The final step and make a commitment to full services for all eligible children.

This will require satisfying the requirements of P.L. 99-457, as amended by P.L. 102-119, and will require a substantial increase in Kentucky's financial commitment to the eligible population.

TWO

Increase the number of identified children by 1/4 of the total population annually.

Presently, Kentucky is serving approximately 1/4 of the total eligible population. We should increase the numbers served by 1/4 each year for the next three years in order to fully serve this population.

THREE

Implement new strategies for providing Early Intervention services in the rural, isolated counties.

Through an innovative billing system and open certification of provider process and other strategies Kentucky should be able to provide access to services close to the families.

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"Early Intervention helped us meet Tom's needs, as well as alleviated our concerns."

Connie Coovert

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